AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An image sending apparatus, comprising:

a specifying movie unit which causes a desired movie file to be specified;

a reproduction range specifying unit which specifies a reproduction range of the specified movie file;

an extraction unit which extracts N pieces of static image from the specified movie file based on the reproduction range;

an animation image set up unit which creates an animation image file of either animation GIF format or MNG format based on the extracted N pieces of static image; ~~and~~

a sending device associated with the image sending apparatus which sends the animation image file to the specifying movie unit; and

a communication device capable of two-way communication with a portable terminal.

2-4 (Canceled).

5. (Currently amended) An image sending method, comprising:

specifying a desired movie file;

specifying a reproduction range of the desired movie file;

extracting N pieces of static image from the desired movie file based on the reproduction range;

creating an animation image file of either animation GIF format or MNG format based on the extracted pieces of static image; ~~and~~

sending the animation image file; and

using a communication device capable of providing two-way communication with a portable terminal.

6. (Canceled).

7. (New) The image sending apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reproduction range specifying unit specifies the reproduction range of the specified movie file by specifying a reproduction time of the specified movie file.

8. (New) The image sending apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reproduction range specifying unit specifies the reproduction range of the specified movie file by specifying a starting point and ending point of the specified movie file.

9. (New) The image sending method of claim 5, wherein the step of specifying the reproduction range of the desired movie file includes specifying a reproduction time of the desired movie file.

10. (New) The image sending method of claim 5, wherein the step of specifying the reproduction range of the desired movie file includes specifying a starting point and ending point of the desired movie file.

11. (New) The image sending apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reproduction range specifying unit divides the specified reproduction range of the specified movie file into plural range groups per predetermined time, and creates animated image files of animated GIF format or MNG format for each divided range group.

12. (New) The image sending method of claim 5, wherein the step of specifying the reproduction range of the desired movie file includes dividing the reproduction range of the desired movie file into plural range groups per predetermined time, and creating animated image files of animated GIF format or MNG format for each divided range group.